Land for Regional Passport Office

1799. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had gifted land measuring more than three acres in Bangalore in 1994 for the construction of the Regional Passport Office which was kept vacant and idle for almost ten years;

(b) whether the RPO has been functioning on rented accommodation all these years entailing recurring expenditure on rent; and

(c) whether Government would draw a time frame for the development/completion of the project and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, the land was allocated in 1994.

(b) The RPO has so far been functioning in rented accommodation.

(c) The construction of office-cum-residential complex for RPO, Bangalore is now in full swing on the above mentioned land and is scheduled **to** be completed by August, 2006.

District Passport Cells in Karnataka

1800. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangalore Passport Office has taken steps for reactivating district passport cells in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) District Passport Cells (DPCs) are already functioning in the following districts in Karnataka.

S.No.	District	Date of opening of DPC
1.	Bekjaum	16/02/2004
2.	Bellary	02/11/2003
3.	Bidar	17/08/2004
-4.	Bijapur	01/01/2004

S.No.	District	Date of opening of DPC
5.	Bagalkot	02/11/2003
6.	Chikmagalur	15/03/2004
7.	Kodagu	14/11/2003
8.	Chitradurga	16/10/2004
9.	Davangere	02/11/2003
10.	D.K.	03/11/2004
11.	Gulbarga	02/12/2005
12.	Hassan	01/11/2004
13.	Haveri	01/01/2004
14.	Hubli	23/01/2005
15.	KGF	22/12/2003
16.	Mandya	03/11/2003
17.	Mysore	02/11/2003
18.	UK	10/11/2004
19.	Raichur	02/11/2003
20.	Shimoga	02/11/2003
21.	Tumkur	03/11/2004
22.	Udupi	03/11/2003

Insult of official of IFA at Karachi

t1801. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officials of Indian Football Association (IFA) were insulted at Karachi Airport and sent back;

(b) if so, the date of the incident and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have discussed the matter with Pakistan Government and the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.